

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)****Grant Recipient: Kenny Lake****Project Title:**

## Kenny Lake - Potable Water Resource Project

**State Funding Requested: \$ 40,000****House District: 6 - C**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

The Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department is seeking funds to provide a primary potable water source for there community.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$40,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department is seeking funds to provide a primary potable water source for the community. The additional water source will provide domestic, commercial and agricultural water for the community and eliminate the need to expand the current water storage system at the fire hall to fight fires. This project will drill a new well on Kenny Lake League property, construct an energy efficient structure to house a 5,000 gallon storage tank and install a metering system for users to assist the fire department in collecting equitable user fees to sustain the facility.

**Project Timeline:**

Spring and Summer of 2009

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

# **Potable Water Resource Project**

## **Kenny Lake, Alaska**

*Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
P.O. Box 427, Copper Center, AK 99537*

### **Project Summary**

The Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department, a non-profit community organization serving Kenny Lake and the surrounding area, is seeking funds to provide a primary potable water source for the community. The additional water source will provide domestic, commercial and agricultural water for the community and eliminate the need to expand the current water storage system at the fire hall to fight fires. This project will drill a new well on Kenny Lake League property, construct an energy efficient structure to house a 5,000 gallon storage tank and install a metering system for users to assist the fire department in collecting equitable user fees to sustain the facility.

**Total Project Cost: Estimated At \$40,000.**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Kenny Lake is a growing community in the Copper Valley with a population of around 500, with an increasing summer visitation. It also has a growing agricultural community with the recent sale of 2,100 acres of State agricultural land.

The Kenny Lake Fire Department's well not only serves as a critical resource for the greater Kenny Lake area for fire protection, but as an essential domestic water resource for over 80 households, some of them active farms with livestock. One communal farm alone uses up to 18,000 gallons per week during the summer months. There is a limited ability to get reliable and quality wells drilled in the greater Kenny Lake area, over 100 households also use a smaller-volume community well.

While the Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Department has excellent capabilities for fighting fires, the existing 5,000 gallon water tank at the fire hall does not provide adequate water storage capacity to serve the potable water needs for the community and maintain a sustained fire fighting effort. In the event of a major fire, the limited capacity of the current water storage system would force the community to choose between fire fighting and providing water for residents, businesses and agriculture.

### **PROJECT PURPOSE:**

This project seeks to develop a primary potable water source for the community that will include the ability to meter water to ensure equitable fees are paid based on actual usage and have outlets for smaller users so that services can be consolidated with the community well to reduce testing costs and maintain project sustainability.

The new primary water source is the most cost effective alternative to provide potable water for the community and ensure the Fire Department can respond appropriately to a major fire. This project enjoys broad-based community support. Upgrading water facilities was identified as a major priority by Kenny Lake residents during the community planning sessions facilitated by the Copper Valley Development Association.

## **IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND TIMETABLE:**

### **Spring - Summer 2008:**

- **Activity:** Request project design and cost proposal(s) for project from appropriate vendor(s)  
**Status:** *Complete – Preliminary report on file*
- **Activity:** Donate community funds to reduce project costs  
**Status:** *Community revenue sharing funds (\$5,000) are dedicated to the project*
- **Activity:** Drill well and construct structure to house 5,000 gallon storage tank  
**Status:** *On-going*
- **Activity:** Complete Project
- **Status:** *On-going*

## **CURRENT SUPPORTERS:**

The following entities and agencies have given support to the project:

Kenny Lake Community League  
Kenny Lake Soil and Water Conservation  
District  
SAPA Farms  
Copper Valley Development Association

Water Works  
Copper River Native Association  
Copper River EMS  
Local Businesses

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COMMENTS: Representative Salmon,

Thank You for time and consideration to our request